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SUBJ: SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION IN JULY AND AUGUST

REF: MOSCOW 11506

1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING OF SOVIET EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL REPORTED HIS JULY AND AUGUST CASELOADS AS APPROX 1,500 EMIGRANTS PER MONTH. HE ATTRIBUTED CONTINUING TREND OF LOWER ENIGRATION FIGURES IN 1974 VIS--VIS 1973 TO CAUSES OUTLINED REFTTEL, SAYING HE DID NOT FEEL REFUSAL RATE HAD INCREASED. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH 35 PCT FEWER EMIGRANTS IN JULY, 1974 THAN IN JULY 1973, AND A 50 PCT DROP IN AUGUST, THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1974 HAVE SEEN 32. 5 PCT LESS EX-USSR EMIGRANTS WITH EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISREAL THAN THE

COMPARABLE PERIOD IN 1973. 1973 FIGURES (REPORTED MOSOCW 1873)

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SHOW 20,287 EMIGRANTS IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, WHILE 1974 TOTAL IS

13,700, OR APPROX 1/3 LESS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HIGHEST 1973 TOTALS WERE REPORTED IN LATTER PART OF YEAR, AND THAT FINAL FOUR MONTHS PRODUCED 14,503 CASES. IF PRESENT TREND OF 1,500 PER MONTH, WHICH HAS REMAINED STEADY EMIGRATION RATE SINCE MAY, CONTINUES THROUGHOUT 1974, YEAR'S TOTAL WILL REACH APPROXIMATELY 20,000 AS OPPOSED TO 35,000 FOR 1973--A 43 PCT DECLINE.

3. NETHERLANDS EMBOFF, WHO ASSUMED PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY IN LATE JULY ON HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, AND IS APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO BE LESS CANDID THAN HIS PREDECESSOR REGARDING JEWISH EMIGRATION ISSUE, STATED HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE EXIT PERMISSION REFUSAL RATE OF PERHAPS 10 PCT HAD INCREASED. HE REITERATED VIEW THAT MOST READILY-RESOLVABLE APPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF MOST ACTIVE CAMPAIGNERS FOR EMIGRATION, HAD ALREADY BEEN GRANTED, AND CITED CONTINUATION OF LARGE VOLUME OF VYZOV-EXTENSION REQUESTS AS EVIDENCE THAT WOULD-BE APPLICANTS' OWN HESITATION IS AT LEAST PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DROP IN EMIGRATION RATE.

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